

# ***Rocky Mountain Region*** **COMMUNICATOR**

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Welcome to the *COMMUNICATOR*.

The purpose of this publication is to pass news and information between the members of our five states.

For this to happen, I, as editor, ask your cooperation and help. If there is an event scheduled in your Wing or area of authority, send a short e-mail with the facts. If something noteworthy has happened...same deal. You do not have to be an expert writer. Send what you have and I will make it ready for print.

For the moment my personal e-mail address, [sblucher@juno.com](mailto:sblucher@juno.com), will be the focal point.

If your Wing has a publication, feel free to reprint anything you see in the *COMMUNICATOR*. The more information is passed around, the better informed we all will be. The only stipulation is you give credit to the newsletter and author of a reprinted article.

If you have an idea for a column or just want to have something published; a letter, an idea, pros and cons of what is happening in the Region, send it. I do not guarantee it will make it into print as somethings may not be appropriate for general distribution, but without your input, this could be a real short news source.

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## **VICE COMMANDER PARTICIPATES IN TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM**

Colonel Jackie Floyd, RMR Vice Commander (West) presented the United States Marine Corps with numerous toy animals for the Toys for Tots effort. Not unusual except in the way the toys came  
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## **RMR VICE COMMANDER RESIGNS**

Every Region has a Commander and a Vice Commander. What is not common is a Region with two Vice Bosses.

Rocky Mountain Region, being split by the Rocky Mountains has, until recently had a Vice Commander West and one East.

Colonel Norm Kholos, until recently has held the position on the sunrise side of the hill. He is also the Admin Officer, the Web Master for RMR, and wears a couple other staff position hats. He, for many years, has spent a great deal of time volunteering for Civil Air Patrol.

Due to other things going on in his life, Colonel Kholos has given up the Vice Commander's position but continues wearing the other hats.

THANKS NORM for all your past and continued time given freely to Civil Air Patrol and Rocky Mountain Region.

Region Commander, Colonel Lynda Robinson, has made no decision if the job will continue to be split.

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## **RMR STAFF COLLEGE NEWS**

The 2002 Staff College, held at Peterson AFB (Colorado Springs), was hosted by the PAFB NCO Academy.

Students represented the Rocky Mountain, Southwest and Southeast Regions. Instructors were from the USAF Academy departments of Management Sciences and English and the NCO staff. RMR, SWR and PAC Regions supplied the College staff.

Courses included management, communications and human behavior.  
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### STAFF COLLEGE

Brig. General Dwayne Deal, CC/21<sup>st</sup> Air Space Wing, welcomed students and staff to Peterson AFB. The General was familiar with CAP having once been part of the cadet program.

Dr Ben Millspaugh, of the Rocky Mountain Liaison Region Aerospace Education Office, was guest speaker at the graduation banquet.

The 2003 RMR Staff College will be held 5-12 April, again at Peterson AFB. CAP members interested in attending this premier training program should submit a CAPF 17 through proper channels and forward it to College Director Lt. Col Phillip Biersdorfer, PO Box 154, Gypsum, CO 81637. Those interested in staff positions, submit a resume' to LTC Biersdorfer.

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### TOYS FOR TOTS

to Colonel Floyd. Her wedding announcements specified gifts were to be in the form of toys for the Marines' program.

"This is a very worthy effort and I am happy to be able to do this to help them reach their goal" Col. Floyd said during the presentation.

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### COWG ENCAMPMENT COMMANDER ANNOUNCED

Lt. Col William E "Bill" Aceves will be the 2003 COWG Encampment. According to Wing Commander Colonel John Buschmann, "Lt Col Aceves brings a wealth of experience, exceptional abilities and a great deal of enthusiasm to this position. He is dedicated to providing cadets with a positive military lifestyle experience during the Encampment."

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### AEROSPACE EDUCATION EVENT SCHEDULED

22 February 03 is the date, 0830 the time and Wings Over the Rockies Aviation and Space Museum at the former Lowry AFB in Denver, the location.

Known as the A.E.R.C. (Aerospace Education Resources Conference), the event will highlight model rocketry plus give information to educators as to other aerospace teaching materials. The day will end with a trip to the IMAX Theater to see the presentation *THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION*.

Space for the conference is limited and some restrictions do apply. For more information, contact Dr. Ben Millspaugh RDAE RMR CAP at his e-mail address, [bentonae@msn.com](mailto:bentonae@msn.com).

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### COWG CADET RECEIVES SPAATZ AWARD

Senior Flight Officer Daniel Johanson, of the Pikes Peak Senior Squadron, recently received the General Carl A Spaatz Award for his outstanding achievements as a CAP Cadet.

The award was presented by USAF General David Patton (Ret.), now a member of the PPSS.

Johanson joined when 12 years old and participated with CAP squadrons in Colorado and Japan. He earned his Flight Instructor rating and is an IP for Colorado Wing. He participated in the 2002 Washington Wing Flight Encampment where he trained and soloed four powered airplane cadets who were surprised to be "signed off" by a "Cadet CFI".

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REMINDER...THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER. THE MORE INFORMATION SUPPLIED, THE MORE WILL BE KNOWN OF RMR NEWS.